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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting of September 29, 2022

A Zoom remote conference meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, September 29, 2022. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Presiding Officer John Morissette at 1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

John Morissette
Presiding Officer
Louanne Cooley
Robert Silvestri

Brian Golembiewski
(designee for Commissioner Dykes)
Quat Nguyen
(designee for Chairman Gillett)

Daniel P. Lynch, Jr. (absent from 1:06 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. for Item Nos. 2-22)

Mark Quinlan (absent from 1:00 p.m. to 1:07 p.m. for Item No. 1)

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Ifeanyichukwu Nwankwo
Siting Analyst

Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Lisa Fontaine

1. Minutes of September 15, 2022.

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve the Minutes of September 15, 2022, as amended; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lynch departed the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Mr. Quinlan entered the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

2. **DOCKET NO. 509 - Homeland Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 1837 Ponus Ridge Road, New Canaan, Connecticut. Close of Evidentiary Record.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to deny Mark Buschmann, Trustee, Jamie Buschmann, Trustee, and Mark Buschmann's Request to Cross-Examine Earle C. Newman, L.S. (Newman) and Michael Rozeski (Rozeski) on Site Plan Sheets EX-1 and EX-2 of the Applicants' August 31, 2022 late-filed exhibit on the basis that Newman and Rozeski are neither witnesses for the Applicants nor parties or intervenors to the proceeding, and to close the evidentiary record; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **PETITION NO. 1521 – EIP Communications I, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed replacement and extension of an existing telecommunications facility located at 75 Wells Road, Wethersfield, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and with the recommendation that current and future tenants maximize the duration of emergency back-up generators to the extent feasible; seconded by Mr. Silvestri. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **PETITION NO. 1531 – The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed 1200/1300 Line Structure Replacement Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of approximately 0.39 mile of its existing No. 1200 and No. 1300 115-kilovolt electric transmission lines within existing Eversource electric transmission line right-of-way between Eversource's Windsor Locks Substation in Windsor Locks and Warehouse Point Junction in East Windsor, Connecticut and related transmission line and substation. Decision.**

Mr. Nguyen moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional conditions that inspections be performed after a significant rain event in sensitive environmental areas consistent with Eversource Best Management Practices and that notice of completion of construction be submitted to the Council; seconded by Mr. Quinlan. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PETITION NO. 1532 – T-Mobile Northeast, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 376 Deercliff Road, Avon, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition that notice of completion of construction be submitted to the Council; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed with Mr. Nguyen recusing.

6. **PETITION NO. 1534 - Groton Utilities petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed modifications to its existing Buddington Substation located at the intersection of Buddington Road and Gold Star Highway in Groton, Connecticut, and related electric transmission line structure improvements. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Golembiewski moved to set the date by which to render a decision in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 4-176(e) and Section 16-50j-40(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, as no later than January 29, 2023; seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **PETITION NO. 1535 – The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed Ledyard Junction to Mystic Substation Upgrade Project consisting of the replacement and reconductoring of approximately 12.8 miles of its existing No. 1280 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line within existing Eversource electric transmission right-of-way between Eversource's Ledyard Junction in Ledyard and Mystic Substation in Stonington, Connecticut and related electric transmission line and substation improvements. CGS §4-176 Deadline for Action – Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Nguyen moved to set the date by which to render a decision in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 4-176(e) and Section 16-50j-40(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, as no later than February 7, 2023; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **PETITION NO. 1536 – T-Mobile petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for proposed modifications to an existing telecommunications facility located at 259 Commerce Street, East Haven, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report and the additional condition that notice of completion of construction be submitted to the Council; seconded by Mr. Golembiewski. The motion passed unanimously.

Tower Share Request Consent Calendar - Item Nos. 9 - 20

Presiding Officer Morissette introduced the Tower Share Request Consent Calendar as Item Nos. 9 through 20. The Consent Calendar was adopted.

9. **TS-DISH-057-220802 – Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 36 Ritch Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut. Decision.**
10. **TS-T-MOBILE-168-220804 – T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 478 Good Hill Road, Woodbury, Connecticut. Decision.**
11. **TS-T-MOBILE-164-220805 - T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located 1170 Matianuck Avenue, Windsor, Connecticut. Decision.**
12. **TS-DISH-010-220810 – Dish Wireless LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 310 Watertown Road (a/k/a 2579 Litchfield Road), Bethlehem, Connecticut. Decision.**
13. **TS-T-MOBILE-041-220816 – T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 126 Parker Road, East Haddam, Connecticut. Decision.**
14. **TS-DISH-086-220816 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 57 Cook Drive (a/k/a 49 Cook Drive), Montville, Connecticut Decision.**
15. **TS-DISH-019-220818 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 159 (a/k/a 146) Brown Road, Brooklyn, Connecticut. Decision.**
16. **TS-T-MOBILE-169-220818 – T-Mobile request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 1825 Route 198, Woodstock, Connecticut. Decision.**
17. **TS-DISH-019-220824 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 100 Tatnic Hill Road, Brooklyn, Connecticut. Decision.**
18. **TS-DISH-069-220830 – Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 79 Putnam Pike, Killingly, Connecticut. Decision.**
19. **TS-DISH-099-220907 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 88 Parsonage Hill Road, North Branford, Connecticut. Decision.**

20. **TS-DISH-072-220907 - Dish Wireless, LLC request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 12 Orchard Drive, Ledyard, Connecticut. Decision.**

21. **Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 Biennium Budget.**

Mr. Silvestri moved to present the proposed budget to the energy and telecommunications industries for comment; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

22. **Administrative Matters**

The following energy/telecommunications meeting and public hearing dates were discussed:

- Docket No. 511, Thursday, October 6, 2022, **evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. **and public comment session** beginning at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, October 13, 2022, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.
- Docket No. 510, Thursday, October 18, 2022, **continued evidentiary hearing session** beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom remote conferencing. **CANCELLED**
- Energy/Telecommunications Meeting, Thursday, October 27, 2022, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom remote conferencing.

Adjournment.

Mr. Silvestri moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Morissette adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



**Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director**

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